

BACHELOR OF ARTS
COURSE OF VSK UNIVERSITY
Political Science Semester IV

BAPSS 401: Modern Governments

Sub Code: BAPSS 401	No. of Lecture Hours per week : 04
Total Credit =04	Internal Marks : 30 and Exam Marks : 70 = 100

Objectives:

- This paper is an introduction to organs of government machinery and Representation. This paper exposes students to few constitutions of the world.
- These constitutions are to be studied in light of the political processes to gain understanding of the dynamics of actual politics and policy making in these countries.

Module I	United Kingdom	12 Hours
a) Conventions- Meaning, Types and Role b) Features of Britain Constitution		
Module II	United Kingdom Government Organs	10 Hours
a) Legislature – (i) House of Commons and House of Lords – Composition and Powers a) Executive – Crown, Prime Minister and Cabinet – Position, Powers and Functions b) Judiciary – Composition and Features		
Module III	United States of America	20 Hours
a) Features of the American Constitution b) Legislature - Congress- Composition, Powers and Functions c) Executive – President- Election, Composition, Powers and Functions d) Judiciary – Supreme Court - Composition, Powers and Role		
Module IV	Switzerland	13 Hours
a) Features of Swiss Constitution b) Legislature – Federal Assembly & Federal Council - Composition, Powers and Functions		
Module V	Switzerland Direct Democracy	10 Hours
Methods of Direct Democracy		

References:

- 1) Select Modern Governments, V.D Mahajan, S.Chand & Co.ltd New Delhi, 1998.
- 2) Select Constitution, Anup Chand Kapur, S.Chand & Co.ltd New Delhi, 1996.
- 3) Major Governments, K.K Ghai, Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 2010.
- 4) Major Modern Political Systems, J.C. Johari, Vishal Publications, Delhi, 1998.
- 5) The World Constitutions, B .C Rai, Prakashan Kendra, Lucknow, 1998.